

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1923

(256TH ANNUAL REPORT)

MILFORD, MASS.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Town of Mendon for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1923, submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following sums, viz:—

| | |
|---|-----------|
| To cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1923 | \$7 75 |
| To cash received, Milford Savings Bank | 16,000 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, In- come Tax, 1922 Public Service ... | 47 37 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1922 | 40 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, School Fund | 2,646 84 |
| To cash received, Ladies' Alliance | 18 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, account Forestry Protection | 25 87 |
| To cash received, rent of Town Hall .. | 145 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, Business | 27 |
| To cash received, Nipmuc Park Co., License | 100 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Civilian War Poll Tax, 1920 | 27 00 |
| To cash received, District Court, Fees and Fines | 63 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, account of Highways | 1,371 04 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer Income Tax, 1921 and Prior Years | 60 75 |

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| To cash received, State Treasurer, Inspection of Animals | 27 64 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1922 | 32 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, Business | 57 |
| To cash received, Helen H. Hemond, Library fines | 10 51 |
| To cash received, Russell E. Bates, Pool License | 2 00 |
| To cash received, County Commission- ers, returned check | 3 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Tuition of Children | 556 66 |
| To cash received for Grass on Founders' Park | 8 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, account of Superintendent of Schools | 580 00 |
| To cash received, City of Boston, Tuition of Children | 103 02 |
| To cash received, Barrett Co. | 6 06 |
| To cash received, L. T. Gaskill | 55 87 |
| To cash received, County Treasurer, account of Improved Road | 500 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, account of Improved Road | 500 00 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, account of Highways | 650 39 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation, Business, 1923 | 1 83 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1923 | 64 00 |
| To cash received, Verena Daley, Library Fines | 14 22 |
| To cash received, W. A. Barry 1-2 fees Hay Scales | 11 70 |

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| To cash received, County Treasurer, Dog Tax | 273 95 |
| To cash received, Charles H. Allen, for one copy Town Annals | 1 50 |
| To cash received, Milford Savings Bank, Interest | 16 04 |
| To cash received, L. T. Gaskill, Collector of Taxes, 1920 | 8 40 |
| To cash received, G. C. Coffin, Collector of Taxes, 1921-22-23 | 25,121 63 |
| To cash received, State Treasurer, account of Highways | 827 17 |
| To cash received, Corporation Tax, Public Service | 119 61 |
| To cash received, Corporation Tax, Business | 9 20 |
| To cash received, Income Tax, General Purposes, 1923 | 744 91 |
| To cash received, Income Tax, 1923, General School Fund | 1,130 00 |
| To cash received, National Bank Tax | 183 36 |
| To cash received, Street Railway Tax.. | 49 95 |
| To cash received, High School Tuition, Special Cases | 512 50 |
| To cash received, State Aid | 174 00 |
| To cash received, Soldiers' Exemption.. | 43 85 |
| | <hr/> \$52,896 43 |

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following sums, viz:—

| | |
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| By cash Director of Accounts | \$12 00 |
| By cash Milford Savings Bank, Revenue Notes | 16,000 00 |
| By cash, Milford Savings Bank, In- terest | 432 74 |

| | | |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| By cash, Milford Savings Bank, two School House Notes | 650 00 | |
| By cash, County Tax | 1,164 00 | |
| By cash, State Tax | 1,920 00 | |
| By cash, Repairs of State Highways, Sec. 16, Chap. 81, General Laws.. | 92 30 | |
| By cash, Civilian War Poll Tax | 957 00 | |
| By cash, Town Orders | 31,627 24 | |
| | <hr/> | \$52,855 28 |
| Unexpended balance | | 41 15 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$52,896 43 |

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

DR.

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| To cash received, Milford Savings Bank | \$868 36 | |
| To cash received, Milford Savings Bank, Interest | 39 17 | |
| To cash received, U. S. Liberty Bond... | 500 00 | |
| To cash received, Interest on Bond | 21 25 | |
| To cash received, Worcester County Institution for Savings | 361 23 | |
| To cash received, Worcester County Institution for Savings | 16 42 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,806 43 |

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|--|---------|------------|
| By cash paid, two Town Orders | \$50 00 | |
| By cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank | 878 78 | |
| By cash U. S. Liberty Bond | 500 00 | |
| By cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings | 377 65 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,806 43 |

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND.

DR.

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| To amount deposited in Milford Savings | | |
| Bank Jan. 1, 1923 | \$687 17 | |
| To Interest received on same, Oct. 10, | | |
| 1923 | 31 26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$718 43 |

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|---|----------|------------|
| By cash deposited in Milford Savings | | |
| Bank | \$718 43 | |
| | <hr/> | \$718 43 |
| The note against the Town Jan. 1, 1924 is:— | | |
| 1 Revenue Note | | \$2,000 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

Mendon, Jan. 1, 1924.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen of Mendon submit the following report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1923.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|------------|
| Paid Luther W. Holbrook, auditor | \$8 00 |
| John C. Ripley, assessor | 120 00 |
| Chas. H. Allen, assessor | 130 00 |
| Henry W. Gaskill, assessor | 75 00 |
| G. C. Coffin, tax collector, 1921-'22.. | 300 00 |
| Leonard T. Gaskill, collector, 1919-'20 | 250 00 |
| Chas. H. Allen, town clerk | 75 00 |
| Arthur E. Brown, constable | 25 00 |
| Arthur E. Brown, dog officer | 10 00 |
| Frank M. Aldrich, tree warden | 10 00 |
| Frank M. Aldrich, moth scout | 10 00 |
| Moses U. Gaskill, treasurer, 1923 .. | 150 00 |
| Frank H. Wood, moderator | 5 00 |
| P. John Hoberg, overseer of poor.... | 45 00 |
| Carl M. Taft, overseer of poor | 6 00 |
| Franklin E. Goodnow, overseer of poor | 6 00 |
| Franklin E. Goodnow, selectman ... | 50 00 |
| Carl M. Taft, selectman | 35 00 |
| P. John Hoberg, selectman | 35 00 |
| Joseph R. Saucier, fire warden | 10 00 |
| Chas. H. Allen, sealer of weights and measures | 9 96 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,364 96 |

MOTH SCOUT.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Frank M. Aldrich, labor | \$141 00 | |
| Geo. M. Aldrich, labor | 80 00 | |
| Clarence H. Moore, labor | 84 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$305 00 |

STREET LIGHTING.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid Worcester Suburban Elec. Co..... | \$817 19 | |
| | <hr/> | \$817 19 |

CARE OF OLD CEMETERY.

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Alonzo E. Brown | \$50 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$50 00 |

MEMORIAL DAY.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Memorial Day Committee | \$60 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$60 00 |

BOARD OF HEALTH.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Joseph Randor, wages | \$36 00 | |
| P. John Hoberg, fumigating | 12 00 | |
| J. J. Gibbs, fumigating candles | 9 60 | |
| Carl M. Taft, auto hire | 4 50 | |
| Geo. G. Davenport, inspecting meat | 18 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$80 10 |

STATE AID TO PENSIONERS.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Paid State Aid to pensioners, 12 | | |
| months | \$150 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$150 00 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING FOREST FIRES.

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Paid Worcester Suburban Elec. Co., | | |
| heat | \$24 00 | |
| Carl M. Taft, auto hire | 1 50 | |
| Payroll, Hartford Ave. brush fire ... | 18 00 | |
| I. Gill, Hartford Ave. brush fire.... | 2 00 | |
| Town of Hopedale, Shattuck fire ... | 60 00 | |
| Payroll, Pond Hill brush fire | 45 75 | |
| Albert W. Sears, care of fire house .. | 2 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$153 75 |

TREE WARDEN.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Paid Frank M. Aldrich, pruning and | | |
| cutting trees | \$74 00 | |
| Geo. M. Aldrich, labor | 25 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$99 00 |

INCIDENTALS.

PRINTING.

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Paid G. M. Billings | \$40 75 | |
| Charlescraft Press, printing reports .. | 140 25 | |
| Times Publishing Co. | 6 25 | |
| P. B. Murphy | 2 00 | |
| Milford Daily News | 35 70 | |
| Wm. P. Clark | 12 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$237 20 |

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Paid Edwin A. Walsh | \$8 00 | |
| Leonard G. Burr | 3 00 | |
| Harold C. Barrows | 3 00 | |
| John J. Driscoll, 1920-21-22-23 | 15 00 | |
| Raymond L. Daley | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$32 00 |

POLICE.

| | | |
|--|---------|----------|
| Paid Arthur E. Brown, shoddy mill assault and battery case | \$22 48 | |
| Arthur E. Brown, court fees and expenses for Hartshorn and Mullen case | 39 50 | |
| Arthur E. Brown, expenses for Strom, Taylor and Boissert cases.. | 12 00 | |
| Arthur E. Brown, expenses for O'Brien and Stusse cases | 41 90 | |
| Arthur E. Brown for killing and burying 2 unlicensed dogs | 4 00 | |
| Arthur E. Brown, services July 3 and 4 | 4 00 | |
| Arthur E. Brown, court fees | 23 50 | |
| Fred K. Brown, services July 3 and 4 | 4 00 | |
| Frank S. Brown, services July 3 and 4 | 4 00 | |
| Town of Milford | 6 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$161 38 |

TOWN HALL.

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Paid Worcester Suburban Elec. Co.... | \$48 19 | |
| Carl M. Taft, wood | 10 00 | |
| Albert W. Sears, janitor | 155 00 | |
| C. A. Fletcher, wood | 12 00 | |
| F. C. Townsend, cleating chairs | 167 82 | |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies | 4 10 | |
| Leonard T. Gaskill, use of well | 10 00 | |
| M. M. Goodnow & Co., repairing roof | 21 84 | |
| Joseph R. Saucier, sawing wood | 3 75 | |
| Chester C. Shattuck, supplies | 5 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$437 70 |

INCIDENTALS.

| | |
|--|--------|
| Paid New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. | \$3 95 |
| G. C. Coffin, cash for stamps | 25 00 |
| County Commissioners, discontinuing road | 3 00 |
| Edward T. Powers, Nolan's garage.. | 15 87 |
| Barney Coal Co., coal | 4 25 |
| Moses U. Gaskill, inspector of cattle | 55 28 |
| W. C. Robinson & Sons, snow | 293 34 |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies | 75 |
| Joseph R. Saucier, state road, Nolan | 30 00 |
| Worcester Abstract Co. | 21 91 |
| Luther W. Holbrook, care of parks .. | 12 20 |
| Henry W. Gaskill, snow | 26 00 |
| Arthur E. Brown | 1 00 |
| Luther W. Holbrook, fertilizer | 2 50 |
| Hobbs & Warren, supplies | 1 15 |
| Joseph R. Saucier, State Road damages | 171 08 |
| H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., coal | 19 08 |
| Chas. H. Allen, supplies | 4 00 |
| Barney Coal Co., coal | 17 25 |
| Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies | 4 75 |
| Joseph A. Dudley, care of parks..... | 21 00 |
| Fred K. Brown, accident | 40 00 |
| E. F. Gaskill, snow | 3 38 |
| Carl M. Taft, auto hire | 15 50 |
| John Driscoll, road damages | 25 00 |
| Charles H. Allen, recording and indexing 21 deaths | 10 50 |
| Charles H. Allen, recording and indexing 11 marriages | 5 50 |
| Charles H. Allen, recording and indexing 23 births | 23 00 |
| Moses U. Gaskill, stamps | 5 40 |

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|---|-------|------------|
| Charles H. Allen, administering oaths to 30 Town Officers | 7 50 | |
| Charles H. Allen, sealing hay scales | 1 27 | |
| Charles H. Allen, care of record rooms and lawn | 12 00 | |
| Charles H. Allen, postage, car fare express | 6 50 | |
| Charles H. Allen, sundries for record rooms | 1 35 | |
| Charles H. Allen, expenses to Boston on account of Assessors | 3 00 | |
| Gideon Halsing, State Road damage | 9 25 | |
| M. M. Goodnow Co., pump on Town well | 6 99 | |
| Wendell Williams, services | 52 80 | |
| George W. Wood, death returns | 1 75 | |
| Walter W. Watson, death returns ... | 1 50 | |
| Walter I. Coffin, State Road damage | 75 00 | |
| Franklin E. Goodnow, stamps | 2 02 | |
| Wm. F. Irons, snow | 12 00 | |
| W. and L. E. Gurley, supplies | 4 65 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,059 22 |
| Total | | 1,927 50 |

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Paid Herbert J. George, treasurer bond | \$32 50 | |
| Herbert J. George, collector's bond | 50 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$82 50 |

WATER SUPPLY FOR TOWN HALL.

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Paid Charles H. Allen, cover for well.. | \$66 00 | |
| E. L. Sabatinelli and Sons, dig- ging well | 380 80 | |
| Henry L. Schultz, electrical work ... | 28 00 | |
| M. M. Goodnow Co., installing pump | 170 13 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$644 93 |

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

| | |
|---------|---------|
| \$50 00 | |
| <hr/> | \$50 00 |

APPROPRIATION FOR SNOW.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Paid Payroll | \$581 34 | |
| Alex Wolock | 18 00 | |
| Everett H. Trask | 24 35 | |
| Wm. G. Larkin | 20 10 | |
| Payroll | 469 45 | |
| W. C. Robinson & Sons | 86 76 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,200 00 |

APPROPRIATION FROM UNEXPENDED BALANCE
FOR UNPAID BILLS, 1922.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Paid New England Metal Culvert.... | \$263 00 | |
| Worcester Suburban Electric Co. | 796 37 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,059 37 |

The Selectmen report the assets and liabilities of the Town as follows:—

LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Salary of Collector, 1923 | \$150 00 | |
| 1 Revenue note | 2,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,150 00 |

ASSETS.

| | | |
|--|----------|------------|
| Due from State for aid to pensioners ... | \$150 00 | |
| Cash in hands of Treasurer | 41 15 | |
| Taxes due for year 1921 | 198 05 | |
| Taxes due for year 1922 | 620 38 | |
| Taxes due for year 1923 | 4,698 02 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5,707 60 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Salaries | \$1,364 96 | |
| Support of Schools | 14,849 35 | |
| Highways | 7,505 03 | |
| State Aid | 150 00 | |
| Support of Poor..... | 754 67 | |
| Taft Library | 523 93 | |
| Moth Scout | 305 00 | |
| Board of Health | 80 10 | |
| Tree Warden | 99 00 | |
| Old Cemetery | 50 00 | |
| Street Lights | 817 19 | |
| Memorial Day | 60 00 | |
| Fire Department | 153 75 | |
| Incidentals | 1,927 50 | |
| Bonds | 82 50 | |
| Water Supply for Town Hall | 644 93 | |
| For unpaid bills from 1922 | 1,059 37 | |
| Clearing roads of snow | 1,200 00 | |
| Interest | 432 74 | |
| Town debt | 650 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$32,710 02 |

LIST OF JURORS, 1923.

| | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Geo. M. Aldrich, | Farmer |
| Charles M. Bagg, | Mechanic |
| George M. Barrows, | Clerk |
| Carl F. Hoberg, | Mechanic |
| Herbert J. George, | Farmer |
| Edgar L. White, | Box Maker |
| Charles F. Leonard, | Farmer |
| Louis L. Marlow, | Moulder |
| Edward Smethurst, | Mechanic |
| Carl M. Taft, | Farmer |
| Leonard E. Taft, | Farmer |
| Harvey E. Trask, | Carpenter |
| Edwin A. Walsh, | Mechanic |
| William L. Munsell, | Mechanic |
| Herbert S. Wood, | Farmer |

APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR 1923.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Salaries | \$900 00 |
| Taft Library | 500 00 |
| Interest | 300 00 |
| Town Debt | 650 00 |
| Bonds | 85 00 |
| Board of Health | 100 00 |
| Fire Department | 150 00 |
| Soldiers' Relief | 50 00 |
| Support of Poor | 1,000 00 |
| Repairs of Highways under Chapter 81..... | 2,800 00 |
| General Repairs of Highways | 500 00 |
| Support of Schools | 14,000 00 |
| School Physician | 25 00 |
| Incidentals | 2,000 00 |
| Tree Warden | 150 00 |
| Moth Scout | 350 00 |

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Memorial Day | 60 00 |
| Old Cemetery | 50 00 |
| School Nurse | 200 00 |
| Improved Road | 500 00 |
| Street Lights | 900 00 |
| Water Supply for Town Hall | 750 00 |
| Industrial School | 572 00 |
| Snow | 1,200 00 |
| Outstanding Bills | 1,060 00 |
| New Street Lights | 225 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$29,077 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,
CARL M. TAFT,
P. JOHN HOBERG,

Selectmen of Mendon.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

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|---|-------------|
| Appropriations for the year 1923 | \$29,077 00 |
| Amount appropriated from unexpended balances .. | 1,060 00 |
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| Amount to be raised by taxation | \$28,017 00 |
| Estimated receipts including 319 polls | 8,691 93 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$19,325 07 |
| State tax | 2,012 30 |
| County tax | 1,164 00 |
| Overlayings | 453 43 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$22,954 80 |
| Poll Taxes committed to Collector, Aug. 17, 1923 | \$1,595 00 |
| Taxes on Real and Personal property committed Aug. 8, 1923 | 22,954 80 |
| Omitted Taxes committed to Collector Dec. 20, 1923 | 61 80 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total amount committed to Collector .. | \$24,611 60 |

By provisions of Chapter 128, Section 5 of the Acts of 1923, uncollected taxes of the year 1919 were committed to Glenville C. Coffin, Collector for the year 1923, amounting to \$80.30. Also uncollected taxes for the year 1920, amounting to \$76.10.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Number of residents assessed on property | 313 |
| Number of non-residents assessed on property | 201 |
| Number of persons assessed on property | 616 |
| Number of male polls | 324 |
| Value of assessed personal estate | \$138,980 00 |
| Value of assessed real estate | 904,420 00 |
| Total valuation | <u>\$1,043,400 00</u> |
| Rate of total tax per \$1000 | \$22 00 |
| Number of horses assessed | 135 |
| Number of cows assessed | 497 |
| Number of sheep assessed | 6 |
| Number of neat cattle assessed | 138 |
| Number of swine assessed | 10 |
| Number of dwelling houses | 320 |
| Number of acres of land assessed | 10,890 |
| Number of fowls assessed | 5,621 |
| Value of fowls assessed | \$843 20 |

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. ALLEN,
HENRY W. GASKILL,
JOHN C. RIPLEY,

Assessors of Mendon.

Mendon, Jan. 1, 1924.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1919.

DR.

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| Committed to Collector | \$80 30 | |
| Interest collected | 19 27 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$99 57 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| By cash paid Town Treasurer | \$99 57 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|

1920.

DR.

| | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Committed to Collector | \$76 10 | |
| Interest collected | 13 70 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$89 80 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| By cash paid Town Treasurer | \$89 80 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|

1921.

DR.

| | | |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| To balance uncollected, Jan. 1, 1922... | \$762 66 | |
| Interest received | 83 65 | |
| | <u> </u> | \$846 31 |

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|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| By cash paid Town Treasurer | \$532 28 | |
| Abatements | 115 98 | |
| Amount uncollected | 198 05 | |
| | <hr/> | \$846 31 |

1922.

DR.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| To balance uncollected, Jan. 1, 1922... | \$5,173 98 | |
| Interest received | 111 26 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5,285 24 |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| By cash paid Town Treasurer | \$4,535 46 | |
| Abatements | 104 40 | |
| Uncollected | 645 38 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5,285 24 |

1923.

DR.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| To taxes committed for collection | \$22,954 80 | |
| Polls | 15 95 | |
| Additional assessments | 61 80 | |
| Interest | 28 49 | |
| | <hr/> | \$24,640 09 |

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|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cash paid Town Treasurer | \$19,864 52 | |
| Amount uncollected | 4,706 57 | |
| Abatements | 69 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$24,640 09 |

Respectfully submitted,

GLENVILLE C. COFFIN,

Collector of Taxes 1921-'22-'23.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The Highway Superintendent submits the following report for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation under Chapter 81 | \$2,800 00 | |
| From State under Chapter 81 | 2,850 00 | |
| Appropriation general repairs | 500 00 | |
| Street Railway Tax | 49 95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,199 95 |

IMPROVED ROAD 1923.

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$500 00 | |
| State and County | \$1,000 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,500 00 |
| Labor | \$232 65 | |
| Culverts | 125 12 | |
| Gravel | 50 00 | |
| Superintendent | 149 38 | |
| Trucks | 372 75 | |
| Tractor | 577 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,507 40 |

GENERAL REPAIRS.

PARK STREET.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Wm. F. Irons, labor and team | \$78 00 | |
| Nathan M. Daniels, labor | 14 00 | |
| Henry W. Gaskill, labor | 28 00 | |
| Harold G. Cannon, labor | 14 00 | |
| Albert Hackinson, labor | 16 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$150 00 |
| Superintendent | \$16 25 | |
| Trucks | 71 25 | |
| Harry Saucier, labor | 10 00 | |
| Joseph Courtemanche, labor | 25 00 | |
| E. S. Farnum, labor | 2 00 | |
| Walter Wilbur, labor | 4 23 | |
| Fred Bertrand, labor | 10 34 | |
| Fred Saucier, labor | 10 34 | |
| | <hr/> | \$299 41 |

CHAPTER 81.

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|------------------------|----------|
| Superintendent | \$443 60 |
| Truck | 2,565 64 |
| Tractor | 685 00 |
| Harry Morrison | 20 68 |
| Fred Bertrand | 170 52 |
| Kenneth Taft | 7 14 |
| Joseph Moore | 75 21 |
| Nils Carlstrom | 34 00 |
| Wm. Munsell | 153 29 |
| Albert Hackinson | 119 14 |
| Harold Barrows | 108 85 |
| Louis Anttony | 42 88 |
| Harry Saucier | 25 69 |
| Fred Saucier | 24 91 |
| Walter Wilbur | 23 97 |

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|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Clark Ellis & Sons, supplies | 64 47 | |
| New England Metal Culvert | 186 96 | |
| F. A. Gould, supplies | 5 55 | |
| Jacob Almoyan, plank | 2 16 | |
| Texas Oil Co., oil | 862 01 | |
| Luigi A. Recchiuto, supply | 14 45 | |
| Uxbridge Hardware, supply | 4 80 | |
| W. A. Barry, repairs | 15 35 | |
| Moses U. Gaskill, sand | 5 30 | |
| G. Kenneth Taft, gravel | 17 10 | |
| Chester C. Shattuck, supplies | 5 45 | |
| Owen Brady, gravel | 2 50 | |
| Arthur King, gravel | 8 40 | |
| B. Daley, gravel | 3 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5,698 22 |

JOSEPH R. SAUCIER,

Highway Surveyor.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The Overseers of the Poor submit the following report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1923:—

RESOURCES.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Appropriation | \$1,000 00 |
|---------------------|------------|

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Paid for support of two persons in private families | \$647 27 | |
| Paid on account of one person assisted in own home | 83 40 | |
| Paid on account of one State pauper... | 24 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$754 67 |
| Balance unexpended | | \$245 33 |
| Deduct from amount expended | \$754 67 | |
| Amount due from State on account of pauper | 24 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Caring net cost of supporting poor for 1923 | \$730 67 | |

Respectfully submitted,

P. JOHN HOBERG,
FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,
CARL M. TAFT,

Overseers of the Poor.

Mendon, Jan. 1, 1924.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

DOGS LICENSED IN 1923.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 111 Male and spayed females | \$222 00 | |
| 20 Females | 100 00 | |
| 1 Breeder's License | 25 00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$347 00 |
| Less Clerk's fees | | 26 40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Cash paid County Treasurer | | \$320 60 |

HUNTING AND FISHING CERTIFICATES ISSUED FROM JAN. 1, 1923 TO DEC. 31, 1923.

| | | |
|---|----|----------|
| Resident-Citizen's combination certificate at \$2.00 each | 43 | \$86 00 |
| Resident-Citizen's Hunting and Trapping, at \$1.50 each | 25 | 37 50 |
| Resident-Citizen's Fishing, at \$1.00 each | 9 | 9 00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$132 50 |
| Clerk's fees, 77 certificates at 15 cents each | | 11 55 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Paid Division of Fisheries and Game | | \$120 95 |

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1922.

| Date of Birth 1922 | Name of Child | Parents with Maiden Name of Mother |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Nov. 7. | Lillian Muszynski | Edward and Helen Szwec |

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1923.

| Date of Birth 1923 | Name of Child | Parents with Maiden Name of Mother |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jan. 20. | Dorcas Mary Daley | Raymond L. and Verena Springer |
| Feb. 14. | Beatrice Emily Bartlett | Joseph I. and Belona Champagne |
| Feb. 15. | Yvonne Elaine Harding | Ralph and Louise Canon |
| Mar. 12. | — Novekski | Stanley and Patronella Strashoski |
| May 11. | Raymond Joseph Castiglioni | Edward and Rose Fiori |
| May 22. | Ruth B. Corey | Wilfred L. and Grace Marsh |
| May 25. | Henry Randor | Joseph and Bessie M. Hoggarth |
| June 2. | Richard Sweeney | Charles S. and Annie Langton |
| June 2. | Virginia Sweeney | |
| June 4. | Edwin Raymond Thomas | Raymond E. and Bertha M. Fernald |
| July 15. | Henry Soszynski | Konstanty and Mary Hoynacka |
| July 16. | Paul Peter Rosetti | Joseph and Kara Bracci |
| Aug. 4. | Walter Albert Gaskill | Erle F. and Myrtle M. Warner |
| Aug. 11. | Harold Carl Leoncini | Louis and Anunciata Simoncelli |
| Sept. 5. | — Brown | Ralph and Esther G. Gibbs |
| Oct. 13. | Joseph William Rondeau | David and Elsie M. Bartlett |
| Oct. 5. | Florence Louise Robinson | Everett D. and Marion E. Pomeroy |
| Nov. 11. | Ethel Mary Montani | Louis A. and Ida M. Cote |
| Nov. 28. | Female | |
| Dec. 7. | Edward Leroy Slavin | Walter and Lillian Gilleney |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1923.

| Date of Marriage 1923 | Names | Residence |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Feb. 10. | William Arthur Robinson | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Stella May Henry | Mendon, Mass. |
| April 30. | John Francis Powers | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Margaret Theresa Lally | Milford, Mass. |
| June 28. | Arthur Monroe Hixon | Milford, Mass. |
| | Ella Alberta Springer | Mendon, Mass. |
| June 30. | John Haskey | Boston, Mass. |
| | Dora E. Grytzell | Boston, Mass. |
| July 31. | William F. Robertson | Amherst, Mass. |
| | Marion H. Lilley | Boston, Mass. |
| Sept. 1. | Ernest Emanuel Miller | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Gertrude Hoggarth | Mendon, Mass. |
| Sept. 3. | John Grassotti | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Lillian Mary Sabattinelli | Mendon, Mass. |
| Sept. 20. | Carl Alvas Halsing | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Doris Rose Kempton | Mendon, Mass. |
| Oct. 20. | George Kenneth Taft | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Lois Josephine Lawrence | Medway, Mass. |
| Dec. 13. | Ernest F. Miller, Jr. | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Florence Isabel MacDonald | Mendon, Mass. |
| Dec. 25. | Donald Winfred Goodnow | Mendon, Mass. |
| | Beatrice Hartwell | Worcester, Mass. |

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1923.

| Date of Death 1923 | Names. | Age | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----|----|----|
| | | Y | M | D |
| Feb. 11. | Nellie E. Stenson | 52 | 0 | 11 |
| Feb. 22. | Mary E. Thayer | 69 | 11 | 15 |
| Feb. 23. | Beatrice Emily Bartlett | — | — | 9 |
| Mar. 12. | Elizabeth Theresa Carroll | 76 | 3 | 2 |
| Mar. 26. | Thomas J. Curley | 64 | 3 | 22 |
| April 12. | Ferdinand C. Spokesfield | 77 | 11 | 26 |
| May 12. | James L. Gilman | 65 | 5 | 15 |
| May 26. | George E. Bowers | 72 | — | — |
| June 2. | Harriet Eva Freeman | 72 | 2 | 16 |
| June 4. | William Taylor | 77 | 2 | 9 |
| June 23. | Henry Randor | — | — | 29 |
| July 6. | Herbert Oscar Barrows | 49 | 6 | 13 |
| Sept. 4. | — Brown | — | — | 1 |
| Nov. 18. | Ethel Mary Montani | — | — | 7 |
| Nov. 27. | Samuel Augustus Bennett | 80 | — | 19 |
| Nov. 28. | Edwin Raymond Thomas | — | 5 | 24 |
| Nov. 28. | Female | — | — | — |
| Dec. 15. | Mary A. Powers | 80 | 1 | 15 |
| Dec. 17. | Edward O'Brien | 53 | — | — |
| Dec. 19. | Thomas P. Wilkinson | 71 | 11 | — |
| Dec. 20. | Sylvester Moores | 87 | 0 | 9 |

If errors or omissions are discovered in the lists of births, marriages or deaths, report them to the Town Clerk that the record may be corrected.

Blanks for the return of all vital records can be obtained of the town clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. ALLEN,

Town Clerk.

Mendon, January 1, 1924.

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

We have had another very successful year in our library work, even though the efficiency has been somewhat impaired, due to the break that necessarily comes with change of librarians. In September, Mrs. Helen Hemond resigned, but Mrs. Lena George again kindly consented to act until Mrs. Verena Daley was secured to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Daley has already shown a very commendable interest in the work. Besides attending to her regular duties she has repaired a large number of volumes that would otherwise have gone to be rebound.

Our heating system is far from being effective. Changes will have to be made immediately in order that the building may be comfortable in which to work.

We would call attention to the fact that this is a public library, free to all residents of the town and our librarian stands ready to serve you. In conjunction with our schools it is the educational center of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW, Chairman,
EDWARD F. BLOOD, Secretary,
LENA W. GEORGE,
G. H. PICKARD,
CARROLL H. DROWN,

Trustees of Taft Public Library.

Finance Committee Report.

Report of the Finance Committee of the Taft Public Library
for the year ending Dec. 31, 1923.

RESOURCES—GENERAL FUND.

| | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | \$500 00 | |
| Fines | 24 73 | |
| | <hr/> | \$524 73 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|--|--------|----------|
| H. R. Huntting Co., books | \$3 20 | |
| De Wolfe & Fiske Co., books | 92 69 | |
| Arthur Womrath, Inc., books | 2 49 | |
| Library Book House, books | 24 67 | |
| Jordan Marsh Co., books | 15 75 | |
| Brean Heusser Printing Co., books | 2 90 | |
| H. O. Houghton, magazines | 40 45 | |
| Gaylord Bros., supplies | 8 89 | |
| H. W. Wilson Co., catalog | 1 00 | |
| American Library Assn., catalog | 4 20 | |
| Helen H. Hemond, salary and supplies | 141 62 | |
| Lena W. George, salary | 44 00 | |
| Verena R. Daley, salary | 15 38 | |
| Joseph Dudley, labor and supplies | 63 50 | |
| Jacob Almorian, wood | 40 00 | |
| Chas. H. Allen, repairs | 3 50 | |
| Dura Binding Co., binding | 12 69 | |
| Joseph Saucier, sawing wood | 7 00 | |
| Balance | 80 | |
| | <hr/> | \$524 73 |

GEORGE H. PICKARD,

Finance Committee.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year, 102 days, was 9,261 volumes. The largest number given out in one day was 175, the smallest 25, the average 91. The circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 6,746; magazines, 1,096; bound magazines, 66; biography, 112; travel, 80; history, 149; literature, 104; useful and fine arts, 185; science, 72; all others, 78.

There are 6,645 volumes in the library, 106 volumes have been added the past year. 71 were bought by the town and 35 were given as follows: Sarah C. Weaver, 4; Mrs. M. W. Tileston, 1; C. Q. Murphy, 1; Secretary of the Commonwealth, 5; Massachusetts Library Commission, 22; Anonymous, 2.

The library subscribes for the American, Asia, Country Gentleman, Century, Field and Stream, Harper's Monthly, Ladies' Home Journal, Literary Digest, National Geographic, Radio News, St. Nicholas, Scribner's, Life, and Woman's Home Companion. The Library Commission sends the American Boy, Good Housekeeping, Popular Mechanics and the World's Work. The Atlantic and The Farmer's Wife are given to the library.

\$24.73 was received in fines during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERENA R. DALEY,

Librarian.

Mendon, January 1, 1924.

BOOKS ADDED IN 1923.

Fiction :—

- Able McLaughlins. Margaret Wilson.
 Amelia Peabody Tileston. Mary W. Tileston.
 Ashes to Ashes. Isabel Ostrander.
 Bab, a Sub-deb. M. R. Rinehart.
 Cabbages and Kings. O. Henry.
 Carnac's Folly. Gilbert Parker.
 Cathedral. Hugh Walpole.
 Day of the Beast. Zane Grey.
 Dead Men's Money. J. S. Fletcher.
 Dim Lantern. Temple Bailey.
 Doctor Nye. Joseph Lincoln.
 Faint Perfume. Zona Gale.
 54-40 or Fight. Emerson Hough.
 Flowing Gold. Rex Beach.
 1492. Mary Johnston.
 Green Jacket. Jennette Lee.
 Gladiola Murphy. Ruth Sawyer.
 Hawkeye. Herbert Quick.
 Huntingtower. John Buchan.
 Isabel. James O. Curwood.
 Jeremy and Hamlet. Hugh Walpole.
 Land's End. Wilbur D. Steele.
 Last Trail. Zane Grey.
 Log Cabin Lady.
 Marriage of Susan. Helen Martin.
 Middle of the Road. Philip Gibbs.
 Mine with the Iron Door. H. B. Wright.
 Mystery Road. E. P. Oppenheim.
 Next Corner. Kate Jordan.
 Number 87. Harrington Hex.
 On Tiptoe. Steward E. White.
 Options. O. Henry.
 Orange-yellow Diamond. J. S. Fletcher.
 Practice of Auto-suggestion. C. H. Brooks.

Sea Hawk. Rafael Sabatini.
 Son at the Front. Edith Wharton.
 Soul of Susan Yellam. H. A. Vachell.
 Sundry Accounts. Irwin S. Cobb.
 The Trap. Maximilian Foster.
 Triumph of the Scarlet Pimpernel. B. Orczy.
 Unlatched Door. Lee Thayer.
 Valley of Giants. Peter B. Kyne.
 Wanderer of the Wasteland. Zane Grey.
 Wasted Generations. Owen Johnson.
 Way of the Strong. Ridgwell Cullum.
 Whelps of the Wolf. George Marsh.

Juveniles :—

Adventures of Bobby Coon. T. W. Burgess.
 Big Book for Little Folks. No. 6. John Martin.
 Boy Scouts' Year Book, 1923. F. K. Mathiews.
 Boy Who Lived in Pudding Lane. S. Addington.
 Boy's Book of Physics. Clarke and Small.
 Boyhood in Norway. H. H. Boyeson.
 Buster Bear's Twins. T. W. Burgess.
 Cinderella. Arthur Rackham.
 Daniel Boone. Stewart E. White.
 David Ives. A. S. Pier.
 Dusty Star. Olaf Baker.
 Emily of New Moon. L. M. Montgomery.
 Fairy Tales from Far and Near. K. Pyle.
 First Down, Kentucky. Ralph D. Paine.
 Fortune of the Indies. E. B. Price.
 Fur Sign. Hal G. Evarts.
 Half Past Seven Stories. R. A. Anderson.
 Hunters of the Great North. V. Stefanson.
 Little Child's Book of Stories. A. M. and E. L. Skinner.
 More Mystery Tales for Boys and Girls. E. S. Smith.
 Og, Son of Fire. Irving Crump.
 Radio Detectives Under the Sea. A. H. Verrill.

Red True Story Book. Andrew Lang.
 Rootabaga Stories. Carl Sanburg.
 Seizer of Eagles. J. W. Schultz.
 Sleeping Beauty. Arthur Rackham.
 Spirit of the Leader. William Heyliger.
 Strange Adventures of a Pebble. H. Hawksworth.
 Strange Adventures of a Grain of Dust. H. Hawksworth.
 Swiss Family Robinson. David Wyss.
 Turner Twins. Ralph H. Barbour.
 Voyages of Doctor Doolittle. H. Lofting.

Non-Fiction :—

Acton, Vital Records.
 America of Yesterday. Lawrence Mayo.
 Ancient Times. J. H. Breasted.
 Astronomy with the Naked Eye. G. P. Serviss.
 Barnum. M. R. Werner.
 Burgess Flower Book for Children. T. W. Burgess.
 Child Training. Angelo Patri.
 Collation of Cakes. C. Q. Murphy.
 Coming People. Charles F. Dole.
 Companionable Books. Henry Van Dyke.
 Deerfield. Vital Records.
 Enchanted Past. J. R. Hodgdon.
 For Love's Sake. L. M. Zimmerman.
 Girl's Book of Verse. Mary G. Davis.
 I Can Remember Stevenson. Rosaline Masson.
 In the Footsteps of Washington. A. H. Heusser.
 Iron Pudder. James J. Davis.
 Man from Maine. Edward W. Bok.
 McKinley and Roosevelt Administrations. J. F. Rhoades.
 Mendon, Vital Records.
 More Toasts. M. D. Mosher.
 My Experiences at Scotland Yard. B. Thompson.
 Opinions of Attorney-Generals of Massachusetts, 1917-20.
 Plympton, Vital Records.

Principles of Sociology, Vol. I and II. H. Spencer.

Woman Tenderfoot in Egypt. G. T. Seton.

Wise Men from the East and the West. A. Rihbany.

Wonders of Chemistry. F. A. Collins.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of all the Town Officers, who have received or disbursed funds belonging to the Town for the fiscal year ending January 1, 1924 and find them to correspond with their proper vouchers.

I find the Tax Collector has omitted one abatement of \$37.60 from his report, which would make the uncollected that amount less, for the year of 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER W. HOLBROOK,

Auditor.

Mendon, February 2, 1924.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT
OF
THE ACCOUNTS
OF
THE TOWN OF MENDON
FROM JANUARY 1, 1920
TO JUNE 30, 1923

MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
SECTION 40, CHAPTER 44, GENERAL LAWS.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1923

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION.

HENRY F. LONG, COMMISSIONER.

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTS.

THEODORE N. WADDELL, DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS.

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

September 28, 1923.

TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN,

MR. FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW, *Chairman*,

MENDON, MASSACHUSETTS.

Gentlemen :—

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Mendon for the period from January 1, 1920 to June 30, 1923, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 40, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

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MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL,

DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS,

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION,

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

Sir:—

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the accounts of the Town of Mendon for the period from January 1, 1920 to June 30, 1923, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments were examined and checked.

The surety bonds of the tax collector and the town treasurer for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form, but the bond of the tax collector expired on July 12, 1923, and had not been renewed. The town clerk has not been bonded in the past, as is required by Section 13, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, but he made application for a bond at once when the matter was called to his attention.

The books and accounts of the former town treasurer were examined and checked for the period from January 1, 1920 to March 17, 1921. The recorded receipts were verified and the expenditures were checked with the departmental bills and pay-rolls and with the selectmen's orders authorizing the payments of town funds.

The cash balance as shown by the treasurer's cash book on January 1, 1920 was accepted as correct, and the following adjustments were made:—The report of receipts was increased by \$1.75 on account of cash received for the library and omitted from the treasurer's report; the report of payments was increased by 18 cents to agree with the selectmen's summary of town orders and by \$1.50 on account of highway orders, and was decreased by \$50 on account of orders on the Austin Wood Relief Fund, as

that fund is held separate from the general treasury cash, making the payments of town orders \$23,500.32 for the year 1920. The cash on hand on December 31, 1920, was adjusted from \$278.49 to \$328.56.

The receipts from January 1 to March 17, 1921 were \$5,936.54, and the credits for payments for the same period were \$3,019.05, showing a balance of cash on hand March 17, 1921 of \$3,246.05. The bank balance, amounting to \$3,190.18 was turned over to the present treasurer, leaving a balance of \$55.87 due from the former treasurer.

The receipts for taxes were entered in the collector's cash books and were also entered in detail in the former treasurer's cash book. It was therefore necessary to check the collector's cash and the entries on the treasurer's cash book to the tax books. A number of discrepancies were found on the treasurer's cash book, but the receipts for taxes as printed in the town reports were found to be correct and have therefore been used in proving the cash.

The books and accounts of the present town treasurer were examined and checked in detail from March 18, 1921 to June 30, 1923. The recorded receipts were verified by a comparison with the records of the several departments paying money to the treasurer, and the expenditures were checked with the Selectmen's orders authorizing payments, and also with the bank checks. The departmental bills and payrolls were checked with the Selectmen's order book. The cash book was footed and proved, and the bank account was reconciled.

The present treasurer included in his 1921 report, \$6,202.35, representing cash received by the former treasurer, and \$3,062.29, representing orders paid by the former treasurer. Instead of using these amounts, I have charged the present treasurer with \$3,190.18, the amount of the bank balance received from the former treasurer on March 18, 1921.

The following adjustments were made in the present treasurer's accounts: The receipt from the State Treasurer of \$60.12 was eliminated from the cash account for 1921, as this amount, the total of the settlement of the State Treasurer's statement, was

a duplication of the separate items entered in detail. The expenditures as recorded for 1921 were increased \$3.00 on account of a payment to the county commissioners and by \$26.66 and \$3.06 on account of selectmen's orders Nos. 516 and 517, respectively, these amounts having been omitted from the cash book. A credit of \$277.38 for expenditures in 1922 was made, as the payment of order No. 541 was omitted from the cash book; and an entry of \$225.88 for the payment of the balance to the State Treasurer was eliminated, as it was a duplicate credit, the amount having been included in the detailed entries of receipts and payments of the State accounts.

The recorded payments for 1922 were further decreased by 88 cents, as the Civilian War Poll Tax was \$993.00 instead of \$993.30 as recorded, and the bank check paying order No. 141 was 58 cents less than the order.

As a result of these adjustments, the cash in the hands of the treasurer on December 31, 1922, was \$7.75 instead of \$101.09 as reported.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in determining the cash balance in the bank at the time of the audit, as a record of the bank account had not been kept. It was therefore necessary to examine all the bank checks returned by the bank since March, 1921, and to compare them with the bank statements, in order to determine the amount of outstanding checks and the bank balance received from the former treasurer, as well as the balance on June 30, 1923.

The tax accounts committed to the former tax collector for the years 1918, 1919 and 1920, and to the present tax collector for the years 1921 and 1922, were examined and checked.

The tax books were added and proved to the warrants, the payments to the treasurer were checked with the treasurer's books and the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding accounts were further verified by mailing a number of notices to persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. In reply two persons claimed to have paid the present tax collector taxes of \$5.00 each, which

were not credited on the books; both of these accounts were charged to the tax collector and referred to him for investigation. With this exception, I am satisfied that the accounts are correct.

At the close of the audit there were small balances outstanding on the 1919 and 1920 taxes, and unless the collection of these accounts is completed within a short time, the assessors should commit to the present tax collector the lists of the uncollected 1919 and 1920 taxes with their warrants, in accordance with Section 97, Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

The present tax collector has not entered his receipts in a cash book, as required by Section 7, Chapter 60 of the General Laws, which reads as follows:

He shall also keep a cash book, in which he shall enter all sums paid to him, as received, specifying the total amount of tax, abatements allowed, all interest charged, the total amount received and the date of receipt, the date and amount of every payment and disbursement made by him, and to whom paid, with such other matters as the town requires.

The attention of the town officials was called to the fact that a separate cash account should be kept by the tax collector for each levy, and that the payments of his receipts to the treasurer should specify on what tax levies they apply; otherwise, it is practically impossible for the tax collector to make out his reports accurately at the end of the year, or for the town officials to know definitely when the collections on a tax levy are completed.

The town votes each year that the tax collector shall enforce immediate payment of all taxes remaining unpaid on December 1; and immediate action should be taken by the tax collector to complete the collection of the 1921 taxes.

The attention of the tax collector should be called to Section 4, Chapter 128, Acts of 1923, which requires that all real estate taxes shall be collected within one year from October 1 in the year of assessment, and is as follows:

Said Chapter sixty is hereby further amended by striking out section seventeen and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 17.* If any tax, betterment or special assessment remains unpaid fourteen days after demand therefor, the collector, in the case of any tax, betterment or special assessment upon real estate, within one year from October first in the year of assessment, and, in case of any other tax, within two years from said October first, shall collect the tax, together with all incidental charges and fees, in the manner provided by law.

The practice of withholding the payment of the salary of the tax collector until the collection of the taxes of a given year is completed should not be continued, as liabilities incurred in any year should be paid from the revenue of that year. At the time of the audit, money was due on account of collector's salary for the past four years.

The records of the receipts of the town clerk for dog licenses and hunting and fishing licenses issued were examined and checked, and payments to the County and the State were verified by an examination of the receipts on file.

The records of receipts by the library, the sealer of weights and measures, the janitor of the town hall, and for the use of the hay scales, were examined, and the payments to the treasurer checked with the treasurer's books.

The savings bank books and securities of the Austin Wood Relief Fund and the School District No. 1 Fund were examined, the income being checked and found to be properly reported.

A balance sheet, which shows the financial condition of the town June 30, 1923, was prepared and is appended to this report, together with tables showing a reconciliation of the town treasurer's cash and summaries of the tax and the trust and investment funds accounts.

While engaged on the work of the audit I received the co-

operation of the several town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and myself, I wish to express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

Chief Examiner.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—1920.

LEONARD T. GASKILL, Treasurer.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Cash balance January 1, 1920, per town report... | \$2,355 60 | |
| Receipts 1920, per town report | \$33,603 63 | |
| Library cash omitted from treasurer's report | 1 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$33,605 38 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$35,960 98 |
| Payments 1920, per town report | \$35,680 74 | |
| Adjustment with selectmen's summary of town orders | 18 | |
| Adjustment of selectmen's highway orders | 1 50 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$35,682 42 |
| Less orders on Austin Wood Relief Fund (separate from treasurer's cash) | 50 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$35,632 42 |
| Corrected balance December 31, 1920 | 328 56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$35,960 98 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 17, 1921.

LEONARD T. GASKILL, Treasurer.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Corrected balance January 1, 1921..... | \$328 56 | |
| Receipts January 1 to March 17, 1921 | 5,936 54 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,265 10 |
| Payments January 1 to March 17, 1921 | \$3,019 05 | |
| Cash variation | 55 87 | |
| Cash balance March 17, 1921 turned over to new treasurer | 3,190 18 | |
| | <hr/> | \$6,265 10 |

RECONCILIATION OF CASH.

Home National Bank:

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Balance March 17, 1921, per statement | \$3,194 29 | |
| Less interest on deposit March 17, 1921, entered on cash book subse- quently | 16 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,194 13 |
| Less outstanding checks per list: | | |
| No. 4887 | \$1 40 | |
| No. 5817 | 2 55 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3 95 |
| | <hr/> | \$3,190 18 |
| Bank balance March 17, 1921, turned over to new treasurer | | \$3,190 18 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

MARCH 18 TO DECEMBER 31, 1921.

MOSES U. GASKILL, Treasurer.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------------|
| Corrected balance March 18, 1921, (cash received from former treasurer) | \$3,190 18 | |
| Receipts March 18 to December 31, 1921, per town report | \$40,344 29 | |
| Less State Treasurer's check to balance (duplicate entry, as this account was included in the detailed entries of receipts and payments on account of State accounts) | 60 12 | |
| | <hr/> | \$40,284 17 |
| | | <hr/> \$43,474 35 |
| Payments March 18 to December 31, 1921, per town report | \$42,304 07 | |
| Payments omitted from treasurer's report: | | |
| Check to county commissioners | \$3 00 | |
| Selectmen's order No. 516 | 26 66 | |
| Selectmen's order No. 517 | 3 06 | |
| | <hr/> | \$42,336 79 |
| Corrected balance December 31, 1921 | 1,137 56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$43,474 35 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—1922.

MOSES U. GASKILL, Treasurer.

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Corrected balance January 1, 1922 | \$1,137 56 | |
| Receipts 1922, per town report | 43,560 84 | |
| | <hr/> | \$44,698 40 |
| Payments 1922, per town report | \$44,640 03 | |
| Selectmen's order No. 536 omitted from treasurer's report | 277 38 | |
| | <hr/> | \$44,917 41 |
| Less: | | |
| State Treasurer's check to balance (duplicate entry, as this amount was included in detailed entries of receipts and payments on account of State accounts) | \$225 88 | |
| Error in payment of of Civilian War Poll Tax | 30 | |
| Error in payment of selectmen's order No. 141 | \$ 58 | |
| | <hr/> | \$226 76 |
| | <hr/> | \$44,690 65 |
| Corrected balance | | |
| December 31, 1922 .. | 7 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$44,698 40 |

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1923

MOSES U. GASKILL, Treasurer.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Corrected balance January 1, 1923 | \$7 75 | |
| Receipts January 1 to June 30, 1923 . . . | 19,577 45 | |
| | <hr/> | \$19,585 20 |
| Payments January 1 to June 30, 1923 .. | \$19,233 84 | |
| Cash balance June 30, 1923 | 351 36 | |
| | <hr/> | \$19,585 20 |
| Cash on hand June 30, 1923, per cash book | \$351 36 | |
| Outstanding checks per list | 274 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$625 46 |
| Home National Bank balance June 30, 1923, per bank statement | | \$625 46 |

TAXES—1918.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Commitment | \$13,741 00 | |
| Additional commitment ... | 13 92 | |
| Excise taxes | 1,030 34 | |
| Interest : | | |
| 1918 | \$21 45 | |
| 1919 | 110 73 | |
| 1920 | 26 31 | |
| 1921 | 5 27 | |
| 1922 | 16 97 | |
| | <hr/> | \$180 73 |
| Transferred to 1919 taxes.. | 7 14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$14,973 13 |

Payments to treasurer:

| | | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1918 | \$11,478 32 | |
| 1919 | 3,041 29 | |
| 1920 | 306 86 | |
| 1921 | 37 55 | |
| 1922 | 87 71 | |
| | <hr/> | \$14,951 73 |

Abatements:

| | | |
|------------|---------|-------------|
| 1918 | \$15 92 | |
| 1921 | 5 48 | |
| | <hr/> | \$21 40 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$14,973 13 |

TAXES—1919.

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Commitment | \$15,941 70 |
| Additional commitment ... | 72 00 |
| Excise taxes | 943 50 |

Interest:

| | | |
|------------|---------|----------|
| 1919 | \$38 62 | |
| 1920 | 76 24 | |
| 1921 | 17 56 | |
| 1922 | 8 89 | |
| | <hr/> | \$141 31 |

| | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------------|
| Overpayment | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$17,100 51 |

Payments to treasurer:

| | | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1919 | \$14,657 86 | |
| 1920 | 2,106 20 | |
| 1921 | 201 86 | |
| 1922 | 19 89 | |
| | <hr/> | \$16,985 81 |

Abatements:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 1921 | 8 00 | |
| Transferred from 1918 taxes | 7 14 | |
| Outstanding June 30, 1923, | | |
| per list | 99 56 | |
| | <hr/> | \$17,100 51 |

TAXES—1920.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Commitment | \$17,576 40 | |
| Additional commitment ... | 20 40 | |
| Interest: | | |
| 1920 | \$33 92 | |
| 1921 | 75 37 | |
| 1922 | 11 30 | |
| | <hr/> | \$120 59 |
| | | <hr/> \$17,717 39 |
| Payments to treasurer: | | |
| 1920 | \$15,168 52 | |
| 1921 | 2,228 57 | |
| 1922 | 122 35 | |
| | <hr/> | \$17,519 44 |
| Abatements: | | |
| 1920 | \$10 00 | |
| 1921 | 85 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$95 00 |
| Outstanding December 31, | | |
| 1922 | \$102 95 | |
| | <hr/> | \$17,717 39 |
| Outstanding January 1, 1923 | \$102 95 | |
| Interest January 1 to June | | |
| 30, 1923 | 1 10 | |
| | <hr/> | \$104 05 |
| Outstanding June 30, 1923, | | |
| per list | \$95 65 | |
| Cash on hand June 30, 1923 | 8 40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$104 05 |

TAXES—1921 AND 1922.

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Commitment of 1921 taxes | \$22,104 52 | |
| Commitment of 1922 taxes | 21,647 82 | |
| Additional commitment of | | |
| 1922 taxes | 8 80 | |
| | <hr/> | \$43,761 14 |
| Interest: | | |
| Taxes 1921 | \$112 63 | |
| Taxes 1922 | 65 67 | |
| | <hr/> | \$178 30 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$43,939 44 |
| Payments to treasurer: | | |
| Taxes 1921 | \$21,590 52 | |
| Taxes 1922 | 18,921 23 | |
| | <hr/> | \$40,511 75 |
| Abatements: | | |
| Taxes 1921 | \$52 60 | |
| Taxes 1922 | 36 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$88 60 |
| Outstanding June 30, 1923, | | |
| per lists: | | |
| Taxes 1921 | \$574 03 | |
| Taxes 1922 | 2,354 27 | |
| | <hr/> | \$2,928 30 |
| Cash on hand June 30, 1923: | | |
| Taxes 1922 | \$410 79 | |
| | <hr/> | \$43,939 44 |

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

| | Savings | Securities | Total |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Deposits | Par Value | |
| On hand at beginning of year, | \$1,232 53 | \$500 00 | \$1,732 53 |
| On hand at end of year | \$1,229 59 | \$500 00 | \$1,729 59 |
| On hand June 30, 1923 | \$1,240 21 | \$500 00 | \$1,740 21 |

Receipts

Payments
1922

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Withdrawn from savings bank | \$80 00 |
| Income | 77 06 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Total | \$157 06 |
| January 1 to June 30, 1923 | |
| Income | \$10 62 |

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| Total | \$10 62 |
|-------------|---------|

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Deposited in savings banks | \$77 06 |
| Expenditures for relief | 80 00 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Total | \$157 06 |
| January 1 to June 30, 1923 | |
| Deposited in savings bank | \$10 62 |
| Total | \$10 62 |

MENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 FUND.

[illegible]

TOWN OF MENDON

BALANCE SHEET—JUNE 30, 1923.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| ASSETS. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|
| Cash: | | Temporary Loans: | |
| In bank | \$351 36 | In anticipation of | |
| Cash discrepancy | 55 87 | revenue | \$12,000 00 |

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| Levy of 1919 | \$99 56 |
| Levy of 1920 | 104 05 |
| Levy of 1921 | 574 03 |
| Levy of 1922 | 2,765 06 |
| | <hr/> |

\$3,542 70

Due from State:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| State Aid | |
| Appropriation Revenue | \$29,077 00 |
| Less collections, estimated | |
| receipts | 2,903 82 |
| | <hr/> |

\$26,173 18

Overdrawn Accounts:

Highways

\$85 76

Selectmen's orders un-

paid

Appropriation Balances:

\$892 00

Salaries, town officers

Town Hall water sup-

ply

Fire Department

Moth Scouts

Tree Warden

Board of Health ...

Improved Highways.

Street Lights

Street Lights—

Washington St. ...

Millville St.

Blackstone St.

Poor Department....

Soldiers' Relief

School Department ..

School Physician

School Nurse

Industrial School ...

888 82

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Taft Public Library.. | 355 57 |
| Incidentals | 1,231 47 |
| Bonds for Town | |
| Officers | 52 50 |
| Outstanding Bills ... | 63 |
| Old Cemetery | 33 05 |
| Town Debt | 150 00 |
| Interest | 219 71 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$13,040 10 |

Overlays Reserved for

Abatements:

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Levy of 1919 | \$475 70 |
| Levy of 1920 | 299 40 |
| Levy of 1921 | 51 92 |
| Levy of 1922 | 42 82 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$869 84 |
| Surplus Revenue | \$3,584 11 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$30,382 87 |

\$30,382 87

INDEBTEDNESS.

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| Net Funded or Fixed Debt | \$150 00 | Schoolhouse note due in 1923 | \$150 00 |
| | <hr/> | | <hr/> |
| | \$150 00 | | \$150 00 |

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Trust Funds: | | Trust Fund: | |
| Cash and securities | | Austin Wood Relief Fund | |
| Investment Funds: | \$1,740 21 | Investment Fund: | \$1,740 21 |
| Cash and securities | 687 17 | Mendon School Dis- | |
| | <hr/> | trict No. 1 Fund . . . | 687 17 |
| | \$2,427 38 | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$2,427 38 |

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1923.

ORGANIZATION OF
SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1923.

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| SAMUEL E. D. HARTSHORN, Sec'y. | Term expires 1924. |
| GEORGE H. PICKARD, Chairman | Term expires 1925. |
| ROY A. BARROWS | Term expires 1926. |

SUPERINTENDENT.
CARROLL H. DROWN.

TRUANT OFFICERS.
LYMAN COOK. JACOB R. BROWN.

SCHOOL NURSE.
FANNIE S. BUCK.*
HELEN C. GRADY.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.
DR. K. A. CAMPBELL.

*—Resigned December, 1923.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The School Committee submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1923.

RESOURCES.

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Appropriation | \$14,000 00 | |
| Appropriation for School Physicain | 25 00 | |
| Appropriation for School Nurse | 200 00 | |
| From County Treasurer, dog tax | 273 95 | |
| Total | | \$14,498 95 |
| Total amount expended | | 14,381 52 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance | | \$117 43 |

REIMBURSEMENTS.

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| From General School Fund, Part 1.... | \$1,130 00 | |
| From General School Fund, Part 2.... | 2,646 84 | |
| For Superintendent's Salary | 500 00 | |
| For Superintendent's Traveling Expense | 80 00 | |
| For Tuition from State | 556 66 | |
| For Tuition from City of Boston | 103 02 | |
| For High School Grant | 512 50 | |
| Total | | \$5,529 02 |

RECONCILIATION.

| | | |
|---|------------|------------------|
| Resources | | \$14,498 95 |
| Reimbursements | \$5,529 02 | |
| Balance | 117 43 | |
| | <hr/> | \$5,646 45 |
| Net cost of the School to the Town | | <hr/> \$8,852 50 |

EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Teachers | \$8,730 14 | |
| Superintendent | 948 00 | |
| Superintendent's expense | 172 13 | |
| Transportation | 1,112 00 | |
| Fuel | 701 43 | |
| Care of Buildings | 818 95 | |
| Text Books | 461 39 | |
| Supplies | 197 56 | |
| Incidentals | 42 84 | |
| Repairs | 923 54 | |
| Electric Service | 8 80 | |
| Sundries | 27 87 | |
| Committee expense | 20 37 | |
| School Nurse | 152 50 | |
| School Physician | 25 00 | |
| Tuition | 39 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$14,381 52 |

SUPERINTENDENT.

| | | |
|---|----------|------------|
| Carroll H. Drown, (Salary) | \$948 00 | |
| Carroll H. Drown, (Traveling Expense) | 172 13 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,120 13 |

TRANSPORTATION.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Milford & Uxbridge St. R. R. Co..... | \$200 00 | |
| Carl M. Taft | 414 00 | |
| William Irons | 18 00 | |
| J. Frank Leonard | 480 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,112 00 |

TEACHERS.

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Oscar Garland | \$1,792 50 | |
| Emilia B. Sitterly | 780 00 | |
| Madeline Brown | 373 75 | |
| Elinor A. White | 57 50 | |
| Albert W. Sampson | 1,247 25 | |
| Mary A. Monehan | 1,223 25 | |
| Alice Ritz | 1,120 50 | |
| Lillian Martin | 992 50 | |
| Maria Allen | 475 00 | |
| Marion Greeley | 40 00 | |
| Jessie Hitchcock | 375 00 | |
| Beulah Thompson | 253 14 | |
| | <hr/> | \$8,730 14 |

FUEL.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| L. F. Thayer & Sons | \$15 00 | |
| H. M. Curtiss Co. | 613 18 | |
| C. H. Fletcher | 32 00 | |
| William Robinson & Sons | 24 00 | |
| Joseph Saucier | 17 25 | |
| | <hr/> | \$701 43 |

REPAIRS.

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|
| James K. Mathewson | \$21 00 | |
| George Locke Lumber Co. | 13 00 | |
| Edward T. Powers | 87 47 | |
| F. C. Townsend | 69 62 | |
| I. E. Pierson | 4 00 | |
| W. F. Smith | 20 00 | |
| E. L. Sabatinelli | 94 85 | |
| Smith A. Steere | 45 00 | |
| E. M. Crockett | 568 60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$923 54 |

CARE OF BUILDINGS.

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Jacob R. Brown | \$526 00 | |
| Sumner Allen | 90 00 | |
| Minnie Thayer | 98 30 | |
| Mrs. Benjamin Peterson | 6 65 | |
| Everett Darling | 98 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$818 95 |

SCHOOL NURSE.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Milford, Hopedale and Mendon District Nursing Association | \$152 50 |
|--|----------|

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Dr. K. A. Campbell | \$25 00 |
|--------------------------|---------|

ELECTRIC SERVICE.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Worcester Suburban Electric Co. | \$8 80 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|

INCIDENTALS.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| H. S. Chadbourne | \$9 40 | |
| H. C. Forbes | 2 00 | |
| Mass. State Prison | 1 44 | |
| Town of Hopedale | 30 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$42 84 |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE EXPENSES.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|
| Wright & Potter | 37 | |
| S. E. D. Hartshorn | 20 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$20 37 |

TEXT BOOKS.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| MacMillian Co. | \$65 23 | |
| Silver Burdett | 69 55 | |
| Rand McNally | 31 32 | |
| B. H. Sanborn | 19 19 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 29 74 | |
| Ginn & Co. | 18 52 | |
| E. E. Babb | 77 34 | |
| John C. Winston | 10 08 | |
| Little Brown | 26 27 | |
| Lyons Carnahan | 10 51 | |
| C. H. Drown | 35 | |
| D. C. Heath | 34 71 | |
| American Book Co. | 15 25 | |
| Allen & Bacon | 15 96 | |
| Oliver Ditson | 6 63 | |
| World Book Co. | 2 72 | |
| Hynes, Heald & Eldredge | 88 | |
| F. A. Owen | 3 00 | |
| David Farquhar | 17 80 | |
| Kenney Bros. & Wolkins | 6 34 | |
| | <hr/> | \$461 39 |

SUPPLIES.

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------|----------|
| L. E. Knott | \$1 70 | |
| W. M. Welch | 5 09 | |
| Houghton & Mifflin | 3 47 | |
| Harris & Gilpatrick | 6 94 | |
| J. L. Hammett | 147 72 | |
| H. J. Dallman | 11 78 | |
| Milton Bradley | 6 56 | |
| C. C. Shattuck | 95 | |
| H. S. Chadbourne | 1 50 | |
| C. H. Drown | 4 90 | |
| Dowling School | 90 | |
| Wright & Potter | 1 05 | |
| J. K. Mathewson | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$197 56 |

TUITION.

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Town of Blackstone | \$39 00 |
|--------------------------|---------|

SUNDRIES.

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| H. J. Mann | \$1 87 | |
| C. H. Drown | 2 50 | |
| Leonard F. Perry | 2 50 | |
| Geo. Thayer | 3 00 | |
| W. A. Barry | 1 00 | |
| Henry F. Bullard | 2 70 | |
| Town of Hopedale | 7 15 | |
| Joseph Dudley | 2 00 | |
| Avery & Woodbury | 2 15 | |
| Sumner Allen | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$27 87 |

VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$572 00 |
| City of Worcester | | 467 81 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Balance | | \$104 19 |
| | | |
| Appropriation | | \$572 00 |
| Received from the State of Mass..... | \$257 07 | |
| Balance | 104 19 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total | \$361 26 | |
| | | \$361 26 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net cost to the Town | | \$210 74 |

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1922 AND 1923, AND RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR OF 1924.

| | 1922 | 1923 | 1924 |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Teachers | \$8,597 75 | \$8,730 14 | \$8,950 00 |
| Superintendent | 900 00 | 948 00 | 1,020 00 |
| Superintendent's Expenses | 164 20 | 172 13 | 180 00 |
| Transportation | 1,152 00 | 1,112 00 | 1,200 00 |
| Fuel | 609 05 | 701 43 | 750 00 |
| Care of Buildings | 728 20 | 818 95 | 850 00 |
| Text Books | 400 82 | 461 39 | 600 00 |
| Supplies | 257 62 | 197 56 | 250 00 |
| Incidentals | 151 50 | 42 84 | 150 00 |
| Repairs | 129 40 | 923 54 | 250 00 |
| Electric Service | 9 00 | 8 80 | 9 00 |
| Sundries | | 27 87 | 50 00 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| Committee Expense | 47 89 | 20 37 | 35 00 |
| Tuition | | 39 00 | 50 00 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$14,344 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. PICKARD, Chairman,
S. E. D. HARTSHORN, Secretary,
ROY A. BARROWS,

School Committee.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| George H. Pickard, Chairman, | Term expires 1925 |
| Samuel E. D. Hartshorn, Secretary, | Term expires 1924 |
| Roy A. Barrows, | Term expires 1926 |

TEACHERS.

| Grade | Name | Local Address | Preparation | Years Service |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| High-Science | Oscar Garland, Prin. | Mendon | N. H. State College | Second |
| Math., U.S. History | Madeleine Brown | Mendon | Holyoke | First |
| English Language | Albert Sampson | Mendon | Leviat Institute | Second |
| History | Mary Monehan | Hopedale | Framingham Normal | Fourth |
| VI, VII, VIII | Alice Ritz | Upton | Framingham Normal | Third |
| III, IV, V | | | | |
| I, II | | | | |
| I-VIII | Jessie Hitchcock | Mendon | Worcester Normal | First |

ALBEEVILLE.

I-VIII

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Lillian Martin | EAST MENDON. Hopedale | Framingham Normal | Second |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|-------|
| Beulah Thompson | MUSIC SUPERVISOR. Milford, 19 Church St. | N. E. Conservatory | Third |
|-----------------|---|--------------------|-------|

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Mrs. Raymond Daley | Mendon |
|--------------------|--------|

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Dr. K. A. Campbell | Hopedale Tel. Milford 102 |
|--------------------|------------------------------|

SCHOOL NURSE.

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Fannie S. Buck* | Milford Tel. Milford 862 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|

Helen C. Grady
(*Resigned December, '23.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Carroll H. Drown | Hopedale Tel., Office Milford 904 Residence Milford 802-J |
|------------------|---|

TRUANT OFFICERS.

Jacob Brown
Lyman Cook

JANITORS.

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Center Building | Jacob Brown | Mendon |
| Albeeville | Sumner Allen | Tel. Milford 374-5 |
| East Mendon | Mrs. Minnie Thayer | Mendon |
| | | South Milford |

BARGE DRIVERS.

| | | |
|-------------|------------------|---------|
| North Route | Carl M. Taft | Mendon |
| East Route | J. Frank Leonard | Milford |

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES GRANTED BY

| | | |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|
| Carroll H. Drown | Hopedale | on School days—8.15, 5.00 |
|------------------|----------|---------------------------|

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held in the school building on the first Monday of each month at 7.15 P. M.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1924.

ELEMENTARY GRADES.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 7, Closes March 21. (11 weeks.)
Vacation two weeks.

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 7, Closes June 13. (10 weeks.)
Summer Vacation.

FALL TERM.

Opens September 8, Closes December 19. (15 weeks.)

1925.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 5, Closes March 20. (11 weeks.)

HIGH SCHOOL.

1924.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 2, Closes March 21. (12 weeks.)
Vacation one week.

SPRING TERM.

Opens March 31, Closes June 27. (13 weeks.)

FALL TERM.

Opens September 2, Closes December 19. (16 weeks.)

Vacation one week.

1925.

WINTER TERM.

Opens December 29, 1924, Closes March 20, 1925. (12 weeks.)

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day, January 1, February 22, April 19 and May 30. There will be no session of schools on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day. When a holiday comes on Sunday the following Monday becomes a holiday.

The town cannot have any "No School Signal". Schools will not be closed on account of weather unless it is practically impossible or unreasonable for children to attend. When parents feel that it is unwise for their children to go to school, they are advised to keep them at home. On all other days children must attend school as required by law.

IMPORTANT REGULATION.

A regulation of the school department is that no child can enter school for the first time unless such child shall become six years of age on or before January 1, of the year following the fall term when he wishes to enter school. (For entrance to school this coming fall term a child must be six years of age on or before January 1, 1925.)

ATTENDANCE LAWS.

Every child from seven to fourteen years of age unless he is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years of age unless he has completed the sixth grade, shall attend school all the time it is in session. Every child from fourteen to sixteen years of age shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours per day.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half day sessions the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offense.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS OF MENDON :—

Education is the chief interest of the American people. No phase of living has so much attention of our people as Learning has. All parents and the public in general are much interested in and largely concerned about schools. A large amount is expended upon the public schools and the other institutions of learning in our country. The vast majority of the American people has come to realize and appreciate the fact that schools are the great opportunity for the education of our children and youth.

It is a most encouraging sentiment of society that to-day more than ever before, most parents feel it their highest obligation and greatest privilege to see that their children have the best possible education as the great essential preparation for the strenuous duties of life.

So long as the public schools must be supported largely by direct taxation, the taxpayer will be inclined to feel that supporting schools is a heavy burden. Yet, the taxpayer who expects to secure relief by cutting school appropriations and thereby lessening the opportunities for education has a wrong conception. Economists and our governing bodies should rather seek a less painful method of taxation than the direct, and an easier means of supporting schools.

We can fully appreciate why towns with financial conditions like Mendon feel that the raising of school appropriations is a burden. The provision of state aid is intended as a partial relief from this burden. The financial statement of this school

report shows that the receipts from the state for school support amounts to one third, or more, of the necessary total appropriation. Hence the town must raise by direct taxation less than two thirds of the total amount needed.

As the cost of living is not lowering and capable teachers of experience are still scarce, teachers' salaries cannot be lowered. Hence, if there is to be any cut in school expenses it must be outside of wages.

The following shows how the dollar of the Mendon school appropriation was expended during the last school year:—

| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Teachers' salaries | \$.604 |
| Books | .031 |
| Supplies | .024 |
| Care of Buildings | .056 |
| Fuel | .054 |
| Repairs | .0615 |
| Health | .009 |
| Transportation | .076 |
| Supervision | .075 |
| School Committee | .0009 |
| Miscellaneous | .0086 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1.00 |

The following is a list of a few towns of the state, including Mendon, as arranged in order in the last report of State Department of education. This shows the amount expended for teachers' salaries by each of these towns.

| Number | Name of Town | Population | Amount Paid |
|--------|-----------------|------------|------------------------|
| | | | for Teachers' Salaries |
| 212 | Oak Bluffs | 1,047 | \$12,746.50 |
| 213 | Orleans | 1,012 | 11,997.84 |
| 214 | New Marlborough | 1,010 | 9,900.00 |
| 215 | Conway | 961 | 8,820.50 |
| 216 | Mendon | 961 | 8,674.50 |
| 217 | Topsfield | 900 | 12,596.00 |
| 218 | Carver | 891 | 10,533.89 |
| 219 | Ashfield | 869 | 10,876.93 |
| 220 | Dover | 867 | 13,183.00 |

AVERAGE SALARY OF TEACHERS FOR YEAR (1923)

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Cities of Group I | \$1,805 00 |
| Large Towns of Group II | 1,472 00 |
| Small Towns of Group III | 1,242 00 |
| (Mendon is in Group III) | |

The operation of the law of State Aid has tended to cause an increase of teachers' salaries in small towns. The increase in the towns of Group III from 1920-1923 was 27.1 per cent.

The schools have worked very harmoniously and successfully during the past year. This fortunate condition is due largely to the character of our teaching force. One great advantage is that there were but two changes in teachers during the year. Continuous service of successful teachers always gives the best results. Also another favorable condition for good school work has been the delightful weather and little sickness thus far this fall and winter. If all these favorable conditions continue throughout this school year our classes will be well advanced at the close. We have reason to be proud of the present achievement of our schools, and ought to appreciate our good fortune in having such a strong corps of teachers.

A standard of attainment in examinations for graduation from the eight Elementary grades has been set and it should be maintained. It is a grave mistake for parents to insist that their children be promoted or graduated unless they are prepared in mental training and development to do the advanced work with some degree of success. None should be debarred from the opportunities of a High School, but a pupil cannot receive much benefit from the advanced work of a High School unless he has some preparation in the essential fundamentals.

A program of the Eighth Grade Graduation held in the town hall last June is given in another part of this report. The Pre-memorial program will indicate that we are still trying to help the children to remember and appreciate the noble service of our war heroes, living and dead.

On account of the crowded condition of our school rooms in the Center building, and the large per capita cost of our small High School; and acting upon the recommendation of the State Supervisor of High Schools, an article was inserted in the town meeting warrant to see if the voters would favor the school committee arranging to send the third and fourth year pupils to some nearby High School, and put the seventh and eighth grades and the first and second year High pupils together to make what might be termed a "Junior High School." This plan seemed to have some advantages for Mendon at the present time. At the town meeting the proposition was voted down in no uncertain voice.

This vote must indicate that the taxpayers of the town are ready to appropriate sufficient funds for our High School though the cost per pupil will be high.

If we are to maintain a High School, we should try to have the best possible; and the work should compare favorably with other high schools about us. The school committee has acted upon this sound policy and should continue to do so. Larger salaries in the High School for the coming year may be necessary.

The spirit of the High School toward work is much better than it sometimes has been. That wrong impression that a High School education can be obtained without any or much study out-

side the hours of our short school day is still too strong. In many towns and cities the High School day has been lengthened thus giving more time for supervised study during school hours. If the session of the Mendon High School day is to remain as short as it is now, pupils must devote a part of the afternoon and the evening to the preparation of lessons.

A well prepared class will be graduated next June. There is talent in the class that ought to be developed in institutions of higher learning. The members should go on with their school education after graduating from Mendon. Not all High School graduates should go to college, but more of our graduates should enter college than there have in previous years.

The class is planning the innovation of that pleasant trip to our Nation's capital. There is one danger involved in this plan against which we should guard. The financing of this trip must be so managed that the raising of the necessary funds will not become an irksome burden upon the public. The school may well give entertainments by which funds can be raised. These entertainments and other functions should be of such a nature as to show the talent and good work of the school, and be a credit to it, well worth the price of admission and worthy of the patronage of the public. The "Help us out" spirit should not be manifest.

The school superintendent has several times been asked why Mendon does not give the same opportunities of instruction in Drawing, Manual Training, Household Arts and kindred subjects as are given in other towns and cities. The only answer that can be given is the lack of ability to meet the cost.

On account of the opportunities given in country home life, school instruction in some of these subjects is not as essential in Mendon as in most cities and large towns. The need of instruction in Household Arts which is so valuable to all girls is partially met by the Junior Extension Club work.

Training in Freehand Drawing is valuable and essential to all pupils, and it would be well if a special instructor in this subject should be provided. We urge consideration of supplying this need.

During the summer the interior of the Center building was refinished by calcimining and varnishing. This improvement for better light, neatness and attractiveness was much needed. This ought to be appreciated and kept neat by the pupils. The wood work in the East building was also varnished. New grates had to be put into the furnaces.

The following are repairs and improvements that should be made this coming year:—

1. Curtains and more black board in Albeeville.
2. Slight repairs on the out buildings in East Mendon.
3. Double windows for the West side of the Center Building.
4. A storm protection for the North door of the Center Building.
5. A few new chairs for the High School.
6. A few loads of gravel in front of the East Building.—Important.

The double windows and the storm protection will be an especially good investment, for, they will not only give comfort in cold weather, but will make a great saving in fuel. It is impossible to keep the building comfortable now on cold, windy days.

An especial appropriation for these repairs should be made, or a sufficient amount provided in the general school appropriation, so that it will not be necessary to draw from the needed amount for current school expenses.

Before many seasons pass all the school buildings must be painted outside.

A number of new readers, a few new geographies and hygiene books have been furnished this past year. Also all the schools but one are now provided with new singing books. More singing books, geographies, arithmetics and readers are needed this coming year.

Again we say school books are often carelessly used and the natural wear is great. These conditions make new books a continual necessity.

Laboratory equipment for the High School is much needed.

Under the careful supervision of the school committee every dollar of the school appropriation has been expended for the best possible results to the schools.

The usual health work by the school physician and nurse has been carried on in the schools. See special reports.

There are a few needs that schools have in order to rank as the best.

(1). Well trained, experienced, loyal spirited, satisfied teachers.

(2). Co-operating, helpful, loyal supporting parents who are not prone to damaging criticism.

(3). Adequate, comfortable, well equipped school buildings.

(4). Good play grounds with some play apparatus.

(5). "Healthy, happy well trained children from the standpoint of home training as well as deportment at school, regular in attendance."

All of these needs are partially met in our schools and some quite fully. Let us continue to meet these needs so that Mendon Children shall have large advantages for an education.

The superintendent is gratefully appreciative of all for their assistance in our efforts for a successful school year.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

MR. CARROLL H. DROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit my second annual report as Principal of Mendon High School.

The school opened the tenth of September with a total enrollment of 28. There are now 10 girls and 16 boys.

The attendance has been much better than last year. For the first four months it has averaged 96.45 per cent. This is probably due mainly to the fact that the weather has been much better than during the corresponding period last year.

The teachers feel that although the attitude in regard to school work is not so good as they would have it, it is however gradually improving. The time devoted to outside study is also increasing.

New Texts have been added in Physics and Latin. The fact that all of the freshmen are taking Latin and four of the sophomores are continuing it is particularly encouraging.

The school this year is conducting more social affairs than last year, which help to a large extent in furthering the school spirit, which, on account of the small size of the school, cannot be done with athletics. The one hour a week devoted to singing under the direction of the music teacher, as well as being a period of enjoyment, is beneficial. Here again the school works as a whole and as such a unit is producing worth while results.

We have held several fire drills, and the fact that a total of 147 pupils leave the building in an orderly manner, and are al-

ways back in their seats in less than three minutes is especially commendable.

The Principal feels that the town is fortunate in having very efficient teachers throughout the building. And he wishes hereby to thank these teachers together with the superintendent, school board, parents and scholars for their support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. GARLAND,

Principal.

Graduation Exercises of the
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

At the Unitarian Church

Friday Evening, June 22, 1923, at 8 O'Clock

PROGRAM.

Song—High School March

School.

Invocation

Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen.

Song—Selected

Mr. Sampson.

Essay,—Some Engineering Projects of the United States

George Leslie Hamant.

Song—Down the Dewy Dell

School.

Address

Mr. Harry E. Gardner, State Department of Education.

Song—Blue Danube Waltz

School.

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. George H. Pickard,
Chairman of School Committee.

Benediction

Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen.

Graduate

George Leslie Hamant.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

I herewith submit the annual report of School Nursing for the year ending December 31, 1923.

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|---|-----|
| Number of children examined with Dr. Campbell | 168 |
| Number with defective teeth | 47 |
| Number with enlarged tonsils and adenoids | 15 |
| Number with aenemia | 7 |
| Number with malnutrition | 11 |
| Number with strabismus | 1 |
| Number of children inspected from week to week by nurse | 395 |
| Defects corrected: | |
| Teeth | 26 |
| Eyes | 4 |
| Home visits made | 72 |

Home visiting means calling on parents in regard to the correction of physical defects or giving advice or suggestions as to some condition found in a child while visiting the schools.

Center and East Mendon Schools visited every week. Albeeville when traveling permitted. Health talks, stories and health games are used to stimulate the child's interest toward better health.

The children at the Center School have all been weighed and measured a number of times. There are less underweight.

The fine spirit of co-operation manifested by most of the pupils and the results seen as the nurse goes into a classroom is proof enough of the value of her work to the children.

I wish to thank all who have in any way helped to make this year a success.

Respectfully submitted,

FANNY S. BUCK, R. N.

HELEN C. GRADY, R. N.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

Milford, Mass., Jan. 22, 1924.

MR. CARROLL H. DROWN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I hereby submit my annual report as Supervisor of Music in Mendon Public Schools.

Much the same plan of work has been carried on this past year, beginning with rote singing in Grades I and II; more rote singing in Grade III with an introduction to staff notation, keys, rhythm, etc.; more advanced study of above named and the introduction of 2 part singing in Grades IV and V; with the further study and development of all these things in the Grammar grades.

A set of Progressive Book III has been placed in the Grammar school room which makes a complete set of Progressive Books in each grade.

A set of the Progressive one-book course was placed in the Albeeville School this year which is especially arranged for ungraded schools. These books are greatly appreciated by the boys and girls and I feel sure that they will do very good work.

More material is needed for the High School chorus. The young people are doing fine work but there is very little incentive to sing when the same material must be used over and over. Some new choruses would be very much appreciated by all concerned.

Last spring a small orchestra was formed in the Grammar school in which the boys and girls took a great interest. The people of Mendon had several opportunities to hear them play

and I'm sure they feel, with me, that it is a worthwhile undertaking.

Much of the success of the music work in Mendon is due to the splendid co-operation of the teachers. I wish to express my appreciation to them, as well as to the Committee and Superintendent for their helpfulness to me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

BEULAH C. THOMPSON,

Supervisor of Music.

GRADUATION PROGRAM

MENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1923

Selection

School Orchestra.

Invocation

Rev. Rose.

Friendship

Tony Pettinelli.

Our Native Spring Flowers

Olive Hamant.

Song—Duet

Marie Perron and Tony Pettinelli.

The Iron Industry

Arthur Grytzell.

Spring Time

Elmira York.

Why Boys and Girls Should Go to School

Lillian Sawyer.

Marching Song

School.

The Growth of Our Country

Cecile Lamothe.

Baseball

Harold Carlstrom.

Radio

Frances Coffin.

Song—Duet

Marie Perron and Tony Pettinelli.

Our Native Birds

Lucille Martin.

The Great Wall of China

Marie Perron.

The Boy Scouts

Ralph Coffin.

Presentation of Diplomas

George Pickard.

Class Song

Presentation of \$5 gold piece as prize for best work done in
school year to

Anna Hoberg, 7th grade.

Benediction

Rev. Rose.

MENDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

GRADUATES.

Marie Virginia Perron
 Tony Pettinelli
 Elmira Sybil York
 Cecile Rosanna Lamothe
 Lucille Martin
 Harold Carlstrom
 Grace Katherine Taft
 Arthur D. Grytzell
 Frances T. Coffin
 Albina S. Majewsha
 Wilfred Taylor
 Olive M. Hamant
 Lillian F. Soszynska
 Ralph W. Coffin, Jr.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS.

| | |
|---|-----|
| Number of pupils examined | 201 |
| Number found defective in eyesight | 15 |
| Number found defective in hearing | 2 |
| Number of parents or guardians notified | 14 |

PRE-MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

MENDON SCHOOLS, 1923

In Mendon Town Hall

Invocation

Mr. Wintersteen.

Salute to the Flag

All Schools.

Song—America the Beautiful

All Schools.

Recitation

William Battis.

Song—Honor to Our Heroes

High School.

The Gettysburg Address

Leslie Hamant.

Selection

School Orchestra.

Recitation

Floyd Darling.

Song—Flag of the Free

Boys of the Intermediate School.

Song—Our Flag

Five Pupils of the Primary School.

The Blue and the Gray

Sixth Grade, Grammar School.

Song—Memorial Day

Grammar School.

Recitation—Memorial Day

Seven Girls of the Intermediate School.

Song—In Memory of the Soldiers

Grammar School.

Recitation—A Tribute

Beatrice Sheldon.

Recitation—The Palmetto and the Pine

Dorothy Goodnow.

Song—Memorial Day

First and Second Grades.

Song—The Battle Cry of Freedom

High School.

Rat-ta-tat of the Drums

Austin Taft, Harold Smith, Walter Johnson.

Song—Sweet Starry Flag

Intermediate School.

Remarks

Mr. Gaskill.

Short Address

Mr. Wintersteen.

Song—The Star Spangled Banner

All.

Benediction

Mr. Wintersteen.

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES JANUARY 1, 1924
AND BY AGES APRIL 1, 1924

| Age | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Tot. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| BOYS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I | 10 | 6 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 18 |
| II | | 3 | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | | | 9 |
| III | | | 5 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 9 |
| IV | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| V | | | | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| VI | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | | | | | 14 |
| VII | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | 9 |
| VIII | | | | | | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 8 |
| Elementary Totals | 10 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 8 | 2 | | | | | 83 |
| High | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IX | | | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| X | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | | | | 6 |
| XI | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| XII | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3 |
| Totals for High | | | | | | | | | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 16 |
| Total Boys | 10 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 99 |
| GIRLS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grade | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| I | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| II | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | 5 |
| III | | 1 | 7 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | 13 |
| IV | | | 2 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 15 |
| V | | | | 5 | 4 | | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 10 |
| VI | | | | 2 | 5 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 12 |
| VII | | | | | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | 8 |
| VIII | | | | | | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | 10 |
| Elementary Totals | 6 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | 81 |
| High | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| IX | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| X | | | | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | 5 |
| XI | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | |
| XII | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Totals for High | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 10 |
| Total Girls | 6 | 3 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 91 |
| Grand Totals | 16 | 12 | 22 | 23 | 29 | 16 | 16 | 24 | 18 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 190 |

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1922-1923.

| Schools | Total Enrollment | | Non-Resident | Aggregate Attendance | Average Daily Attendance | Average Membership | Total No. of Pupils Not Enrolled in Any Other Town in State | | No. of Pupils 5 to 7 Years of Age | No. of Pupils 7 to 14 Years of Age | No. of Pupils 14 to 16 Years of Age | No. of Pupils Over 16 Years of Age | No. of Pupils Having Perfect Attendance | Per Cent of Attendance |
|----------------|------------------|-------|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| | Boys | Girls | | | | | Boys | Girls | | | | | | |
| Centre High | 23 | 13 | 0 | 3770 | 20.16 | 21.99 | 22 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 91.22 |
| Grades 6, 7, 8 | 43 | 25 | 18 | 6100 | 36.85 | 39.68 | 42 | 24 | 18 | 40 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 92.87 |
| Grades 3, 4, 5 | 53 | 19 | 34 | 7027.5 | 42.32 | 45.71 | 44 | 17 | 27 | 43 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 92.58 |
| Grades 1, 2 | 30 | 14 | 16 | 3995 | 26.13 | 27.11 | 25 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96.38 |
| East Building | 32 | 23 | 9 | 3192 | 19.11 | 20.57 | 23 | 17 | 6 | 20 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 92.90 |
| Grades 1 to 8 | 27 | 14 | 13 | 3653 | 21.61 | 25.06 | 26 | 13 | 13 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 86.23 |
| Albeeville | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grades 1 to 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 208 | 108 | 20 | 27737.5 | 166.18 | 180.12 | 182 | 94 | 88 | 144 | 19 | 12 | 1 | 92.26 |

TOWN WARRANT

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Mendon, on the third day of March, 1924, punctually, at 9 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following officers: A Town Clerk for 1 year; Three Selectmen for 1 year; One Assessor for 3 years; Three Overseers of the Poor for 1 year; Town Treasurer for 1 year; Collector of Taxes for 1 year; Auditor for 1 year; One Constable for 1 year; Tree Warden for 1 year; One Trustee of Taft Public Library for 2 years; One School Committee for 3 years; One Park Commissioner for 3 years; also to bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To raise such sums as are necessary to pay town charges and make appropriations for same.

Article 6. To see what measures the Town will adopt to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

Article 7. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money, and to what amount, to pay current expenses for the financial year commencing January 1, 1924 in anticipation of revenue.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services, and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for care and improvement in the Old Cemetery, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will make and establish a by-law or by-laws providing for the appointment and duties of an appropriation, advisory or finance department as required by Chapter 388 of the Acts of 1923.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repair of highways to be expended under direction of Massachusetts Highway Commission as provided by Chapter 81 of the General Acts of 1921, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 to pay the salary of a School Nurse, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to be expended on the Highways provided the State and County will contribute for the same.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to change the name of any street already named or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to place signs designating the names of all streets in the Town, appropriate any sum of money therefor, or act in any way relating thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to build new bridges over Mill River on Hartford Avenue and on Bellingham streets, raise any sum of money therefor or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary of any town officers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon, and causing a copy of the same to be published one time in one of the daily papers, published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen and Town Clerk, before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this Twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW,
CARL M. TAFT,
P. JOHN HOBERG,

Selectmen of Mendon.

A true copy, attest:

ARTHUR E. BROWN,

Constable of Mendon.

